

ance of specific duties by the Executive have been duly attended to, and the wishes of the Legislature complied with.

By a resolution of the Legislature, my predecessor in office was directed to procure (amongst others which have been delivered as ordered) a sword with suitable devices to be presented to the late gallant Capt. George W. Rogers, of the Navy, for his good conduct during the late war. Before the sword was completed, this gentleman departed for a foreign station to take command of a squadron—he, alas was destined never to return, and this memorial of his services and worth still remains in the Executive chamber, awaiting the direction of the Legislature, as I did not feel myself authorised to make any disposition of it after the decease of the individual for whom it was intended.

I have thus endeavored, rather to prompt your action upon some important subjects, than to urge them for adoption under my views. Some of my ideas are perhaps, totally erroneous, but at this period, when there is about to be a separation between us, I hope that you will draw the veil of charity over all the errors in this communication, and permit me to state, in concluding this message, that I do not wish to be considered as a candidate for re-election. In making this declaration, I do it with deep humility, by no means supposing, that any will have cause for regret, but I do so merely from the necessity of making known to you my determination. I have not the vanity to suppose, that such a declaration would be necessary, but as custom seems to have fixed the period of re-election to the extent of the legal term of qualification, I may be allowed to think, that the partiality of some friends would wish my continuance in office. In taking leave of you, permit me to return you my thanks for the high honor you have conferred upon me, and condemn me not for saying, that throughout my administration, I have acted with a single eye to the advancement of the honor, dignity and prosperity of the state.

I have the honor to be

With the highest consideration,

Your obedient humble servant,

GEORGE HOWARD.